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Mother's Day **Run and Walk**

SHELBY BORYS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Nearly 15,000 racers cast the weather aside yesterday and got out with family and friends in support of moms across the city during the 33rd annual Mother's Day Run and Walk in Calgary. Story, page 3.

Mom wants son back

PM's help sought to retrieve boy, 11, held by U.S. officials

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Mother's Day just isn't the same these days for a Calgary mom who took to the steps of the Harry Hays building to rally for her son, who is being held in the United States.

Lisa Kirkman would have been eating breakfast in bed with her kids yesterday morning, but instead she was staging a peaceful protest with her mother and daughter — and without her son Noah, 11, who has been held by Oregon authorities for two years.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Lisa Kirkman holds a rally on Mother's Day in front of the Harry Hays building in protest of her son, Noah, being held in the U.S. since 2008.

Kirkman, her family, friends and supporters have been fighting for Noah's return. Two dozen Calgarians showed up at the protest yesterday to show their support and call on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to step in and help.

"I feel like my heart has been ripped out. It's very difficult for me to describe how painful it is. Noah was a C-section baby and I feel like he has been ripped from me again," Kirkman said.

The Kirkmans have been in a custody battle with U.S. authorities since September 2008, when Noah was in Oregon for vacation with his stepfather and he was seized by child welfare.

He's been in four foster homes since then and his mother is only allowed to speak to him for 15 minutes once or twice a month.

"He should be home with his family," Kirkman said.

Kirkman supporter Lawrence Oshanek has been trying to help the family get Noah back and said there are deeper issues at stake.

Kirkman's case goes back before an Oregon court at the end of May.

New rec centre in tug-of-war?

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COUNCIL Debate is brewing over the proposed location of a southeast regional recreation facility set to be discussed today at council.

Ward Ald. Ric McIver said he will not be supporting Ward 14 Ald. Linda Fox-Mellway's motion to choose Seton as the site for the future $70-million multiplex.

"I think this motion would basically slow down the entire process," McIver said.

However, Fox-Mellway disagrees and said the motion will finally launch the new facility planned for the southeast and allow community volunteers to seek corporate sponsors.

Jack Redekop, president of the Seton Sport, Recreation, Culture and Wellness Society, said he supports Fox-Mellway's motion.

"I think McIver just wants to have the facility in Quarry Park, but the community has spoken and they want the facility in Seton. We just want to get moving on this," Redekop said.

The funding was already approved by council as part of a $210-million pledge for a facility in each quadrant of the southeast, northeast and northwest.

Redekop pointed out the northeast facility has already broken ground.

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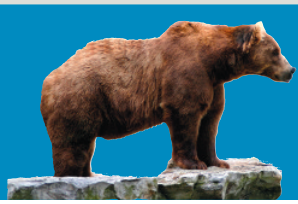

Getting behind grizzlies

Members of an advisory group say Alberta is putting politics before science by delaying a decision on protecting the province's dwindling number of grizzly bears. In March, the government-appointed Endangered Species Conservation Committee told the province it should list the bears as a "threatened" species. Two months later the government still hasn't made a decision on the recommendation and may not make a decision this year. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

POLITICS One of Canada's most decorated peacekeeping soldiers is to become Alberta's 17th lieutenant-governor. Don Ethell has served on 14 peacekeeping missions in places such as Beirut, the Middle East and the Balkans. He'll take over tomorrow as lieutenant-governor from Norman Kwong in a ceremony that will include a 100-member military honour guard and a 15-gun salute.

FATALITY A 45-year-old man was killed and two are in hospital after a collision yesterday near Cross Iron Malls in Balzac, Alberta. The man was pronounced dead at the scene and his wife remains in critical condition in hospital while the seven-year-old son is being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The three people in the other vehicle are recovering in hospital in good condition.

CRASH One person was sent to hospital after a car collision at Sarcee Trail and 37th Avenue SW caused a vehicle to catch on fire Sunday afternoon. Duty Insp. Keith Cain confirmed a person was sent to hospital but said it was with non-life-threatening injuries.

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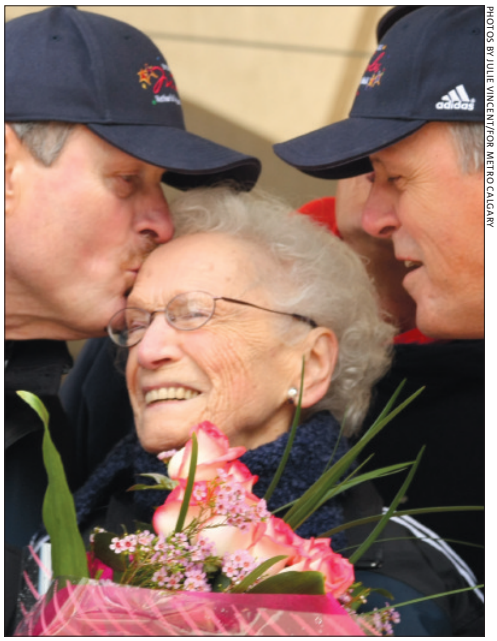

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LEFT: Happy running buddies cross the 10K Olympic Plaza finish line together. RIGHT: Mary Forzani gets her Mother's Day hugs in public from her sons. Forzani has been at every Mother's Day race for the last 33 years, according to son John, right.

Fundraiser a runaway hit on Mother's Day

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Dressed for the weather — surely on mom's advice — Calgarians of all ages sported their spandex yesterday for the 33rd annual Mother's Day Run and Walk.

Many mothers were enjoying the opportunity to spend time with their kids and even though the weather was bleak, the crowd was pumped up and ready to go.

Lisa Barnhart was participating in the race as she has done for years, but for the first time she brought her two young daughters Ava and Myah.

"It means everything to me; this is the best Mother's Day ever," said Barnhart, daughters clinging tightly to her side.

Big money

Last year, more than 20,000 people participated in the Mother's Day Run and Walk, which raised about half a million dollars.

Both the five- and 10-kilometre races began in front of the Calgary Tower, continued down 9th Avenue, south to Mount Royal and back, said John Forzani, a spokesman for the race.

The run raises money for neo-natal intensive care in Calgary hospitals, while providing family bonding — often before a mothers day brunch — according to Forzani.

"It's turning into a Calgary tradition now," he said.

While some were out to win the $1,000 prize for first place, most of the crowd just seemed to be enjoying the quality time.

Lisa Marescaux is an avid runner, but she was walking with her mom Ruth in the event.

"This is so special that she would let go of her running to be with me," said Ruth.

City seeks input on park that's 'being loved to death'

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

RECREATION Public input is being sought in the preservation of park areas in the city's beltline area.

Ald. Brian Pincott will present a motion to city council today asking for further public opinion regarding the preservation of a beloved park in Ward 11.

The area of River Park, Sandy Beach and Britannia Slopes has deteriorated over time and needs to be addressed, according to Pincott.

"It's had a lot of use over the last number of years," he said. "It is truly a park that is being loved to death."

Sandy Beach Park holds special memories for six-year Altadore resident Tracy Levasseur. It's home to her husband's memorial bench.

"People respect this area, they really do," she said. "It is a community environment."

While the city's parks department has taken on plans to redevelop the park following a period of public engagement last year, Pincott said there needs to be more input from the community members.

Pincott said his office has received plenty of feedback from Calgarians who said they didn't feel as though their voices had been heard in regards to the redevelopment of the area.

KATIE TURNER /FOR METRO CALGARY

Some of the main areas of concern are the "severe erosion" of the riverbank and Britannia Slopes and getting invasive plant species such as caraganas under control, according to Pincott.

"Ultimately, we all need to work together to be stewards of that park."

Passing the buck for lines that don't exist

ENERGY Electricity consumers in Alberta may have to help cover a $35-million bill for fees incurred by Altalink to map out transmission lines between Edmonton and Calgary — even though the controversial power lines were never built.

The project received a lot of opposition from landowners and was axed three years ago following a spy scandal which involved the utilities regulator, then known as the Energy and Utilities Board.

The Alberta Electric System Operator, a non-profit agency responsible for planning Alberta's regulated transmission system, paid Altalink for its work in December.

Now it's asking the Alberta Utilities Commission for permission to recoup its costs by charging consumers.

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McPherson, 63, passes away

DEATH Former PC party leadership candidate and advocate for disabled people Gary McPherson has died at the age of 63.

Alberta-born McPherson battled polio for the majority of his life and was left paralyzed at the age of nine when diagnosed with the disease.

Despite spending much of his time in hospital, McPherson was heavily involved in politics and ran for leadership of the PC party in 2006 against the now premier, Ed Stelmach.

"I was proud to call Gary a dear friend and on behalf of all Albertans, I offer our most heartfelt sympathy to his family," said Stelmach. "Their loss is Alberta's loss as well." METRO CALGARY

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Immigration Guidy Mamann tracks the progress of proposed reforms on their way to becoming law at **metronews.ca/immigration**

AHS warning about possible spread of measles

Alberta Health Services is recommending people monitor themselves for symptoms of measles after a child who was at the Huntington Superstore and the CrossIron Mills Mall contracted the disease. AHS says children should be immunized against the illness. METRO CALGARY

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Sudarshan Gautam has been without arms for 15 years. The accomplished climber from Nepal is planning to scale Mount Everest.

Climber who lost hands preparing to scale Everest

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JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

Without oxygen, scaling Mount Everest is an incredible feat. Without hands, it is impossible.

Except for Sudarshan Gautam.

The Nepalese mountain climber currently living in Calgary lost his hands at 14 when he was electrocuted after flying a kite into a high voltage wire. His doctors did not expect him to live.

"Afterwards, everything was black," he said. "I decided I had to do something, I don't have to give up."

> **"People always think I will die (on Mount Everest), but this is not true. Besides, you could die any day, right here. I am not scared."**
> Sudarshan Gautam

Relearning to do everyday tasks with his feet was difficult. With determination and will, he first learnt how to write holding a pen between his toes. Soon, brushing his teeth, washing, and cooking were as easy as before.

Despite being able to live normally "people only see me with no hands, (they) don't see my abilities," said Gautam. He had a mountain of doubt to conquer, literally.

In 2005, Gautam climbed the 5,730-metre Yala Peak in Nepal without oxygen or artificial limbs. "But Everest is not a technical mountain," he said. "And I am well prepared."

Planning to climb the infamous peak in March of 2012, Gautam hopes to show people that a disability should not define or limit them.

Furthermore, he aims to raise $1 million to build a school in Nepal.

A nine-person team, including a doctor in case of emergency, will help Gautam climb Mount Everest. When ropes are necessary, he will use his teeth to pull him along.

His wife, Ambika Hamal, and two-year-old son will remain in Calgary while Gautam climbs. "I am a little bit scared (of his climb)," said Hamal. "I am not as strong as him.

"I really appreciate what he does," she said. "I am really proud of him."

Although Mount Everest has claimed over 200 lives, Gautam is sure he will succeed.

"People always think I will die (on Mount Everest), but this is not true. Besides, you could die any day, right here. I am not scared."

Dance till you drop this weekend at Mustard Seed mission fundraiser

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

CONTEST Calgarians will have a chance to show off their moves this weekend, but quantity beats out quality in a fundraiser for a city organization.

Those who think they can dance for a really long time are invited to dance from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Eau Claire Market on May 15. The contest is open to dancers of all skill levels and all ages, and dancers will collect pledges to raise money for the Mustard Seed Street Ministry.

Kayla Thompson and her sister developed the idea and then entered a contest to plan the charity's latest fundraiser.

Thompson, 21, said the pair heard about the contest through a friend and thought it would be a great opportunity to get some experience in event planning while helping a worthy cause. "I'm kind of just doing things on my own, but I see it evolving into an event planning business," said Thompson.

The Seed plans on putting on a big show for the dancers. "If you come down and dance we have refreshments, prizes, performances, pretty much everything that you can imagine," said Sarah Mckenzie, who is in charge of community engagement at the Mustard Seed.

Thompson said there will also be cheerleaders and dance studios there to pump up the crowd — and they may just discover some hidden talent.

Get involved

- Contestants are asked to visit www.theseed.ca/dance to register and download their pledge form.
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New LRT pushes centre's move

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SENIORS Construction of a new downtown LRT station may have been the final push behind relocating Calgary's Kerby Centre.

After nearly 40 years at its 7 Avenue SW location, the seniors' centre will be changing locations, due in part to the new LRT station slated to be built on the same street, according to the centre.

The seniors' centre offers programs for those 55 and older, and some are concerned the new LRT location could present a sense of fear for the seniors.

The relocation is also based on a need for serious repairs to the building and the city's rising senior population, said the centre's CEO, Luanne Whitmarsh.

> **"We're just leaving knowing that what we currently have is no longer a fit."**
> Luanne Whitmarsh, Kerby Centre CEO

"We're not leaving unhappy, we're just leaving knowing that what we currently have is no longer a fit for our goal-forward plan," she said.

The Kerby Centre won't relocate for at least five more years, according to Whitmarsh.

Culture grants still available: Province

ARTS Alberta's Culture Department is refuting claims by the Liberals that the government has cut a program that helps pay for cultural events outside of major cities.

Liberal culture critic Laurie Blakeman says 19 municipalities will no longer be eligible to apply for money under the Community Grants Program.

Parker Hogan, a government spokesman, says community groups can apply for the grants through Alberta Culture. Hogan says municipalities that own theatres can apply for help through the Municipal Affairs Department.

Blakeman says the change will make it tougher for smaller communities to book professional theatre, dance and music performers.

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News in brief

DOG KILLING A Calgary man who admits to beating a four-month-old puppy to death won't serve jail time. Jacob Michael Rabeau, 20, received a conditional discharge and won't have a criminal record if he stays out of trouble for one year. Rabeau pleaded guilty Friday to a single count of killing a dog.

RESEARCH Catalysts cause reactions to "work smarter, not harder" and thanks to one chemistry professor at the University of Calgary we know a little more about why. Warren Piers published a paper yesterday on the inner workings of his catalyst, which allows lower energy costs and less waste when creating chemicals.

VANDALISM Airdrie Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help after suspects are alleged to have damaged three generators, sliced water lines and removed oil filters from the generators between 5 p.m. on May 5 and 10 a.m. on May 6. Nearly 200 litres of diesel fuel leaked into storm sewers because of the damage caused to the generators. Damage from the vandalism has been estimated at $18,000. Call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) with information.

SHOOTING City cops are looking for two men and a woman after an early morning shooting Friday in the 300 block of Penbrooke Crescent SE. According to police, two men were walking a dog in a back alley around 4 a.m. when they were approached by the trio. One man had a shotgun, police said, and demanded the victims get down to the ground.

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Feds face homophobia accusation

The Harper government is being labelled homophobic for refusing to fund Toronto's gay pride festival this year, but the government refutes the accusation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fudging the faith

Unemployed, non-religious educators in Ontario are turning to Catholicism in an attempt to secure a coveted teaching position, even it means lying in confession about whether they've had pre-marital sex, some have revealed.

"I don't particularly like going (to mass) every Sunday, but if this is what I have to do, then I'll do it," said a Toronto-area woman, who didn't want to be identified. "I just really want to be in a career. I just want it so badly."

The teacher said she has also been going to confession regularly and speaking with a priest on a weekly basis in order to receive the documents she needs to apply to the Toronto Catholic District School Board. She is not Catholic — in fact, she doesn't consider herself religious.

"I don't particularly like going (to mass) ... but if this is what I have to do, then I'll do it."
Toronto-area teacher

The oversupply of qualified, unemployed teachers in Ontario has been a well-documented problem. According to the Ontario College of Teachers, there were about 12,200 new teachers in the province in 2009, but only about 5,000 positions.

"What you can see, fairly quickly, is you have twice as many teachers as you do job opportunities and that has been going on for a number of years now," said Frank McIntyre, a researcher for the college, who said the gap has been accelerating since 2005.

"We're getting a backlog of qualified teachers who are not able to get teaching jobs."

This has left teachers desperate, so they've decided to cast their net wide.

"You feel really helpless," said the teacher. "I thought, why not try this option. It was kind of out of desperation ... not that I think it will work for sure, but it's to have another option."

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Toronto **Cleaning up the mess**

RICHARD LAUTENS/THE TORONTO STAR

Jonah Sheinin, 11, joins his family and neighbours as they work to remove some large tree limbs from a street in Toronto's east end. Trees and power lines came down all over the city and caused problems yesterday as a large wind, rain, hail and snow storm swept into town.

Pakistan asks for more help along Afghanistan border

TERRORISM Pakistan says a Canadian-led G8 initiative to rehabilitate its lawless Afghanistan border region doesn't go far enough to stamp out terrorism.

Islamabad has asked Ottawa to expand the scope of its plan, and is also concerned how it will be financed: Forcing Pakistan deeper into debt with international lenders, The Canadian Press has learned.

Pakistan says it's grateful for the Afghanistan-Pakistan Border Region Prosperity Initiative that was announced by G8 foreign ministers in March, but says it doesn't do enough to lift up the fortunes of the vulnerable, economically-backward region that's now become a haven for al-Qaida terrorists.

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Ottawa looks to box up shady movers

CRACKDOWN The federal government is putting the moves on movers.

Industry Canada wants to tighten the rules for moving companies after a deluge of complaints from consumers who say they've been ripped off by crooked operators.

Armed with a cellphone and a Kijiji or Craigslist ad on the Internet, scam artists are preying on Canadians looking for cheap moving help, says the department.

"Complaints include holding furniture hostage at the destination until consumers pay more than the original estimate and producing new hidden costs such as packaging," says an internal document.

Currently, regulation of the moving industry is a bit of a patchwork, and some industry players want the government to harmonize laws, regulations and practices across the country.

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No evidence of market cyber attack: White House

The White House's homeland security adviser says there is no evidence that a cyber attack was behind the chaos that shook Wall Street last Thursday. John Brennan told Fox News that officials have uncovered no links suggesting that an attack caused the turbulence. Some have speculated that a typographical error might have triggered the massive sell-off. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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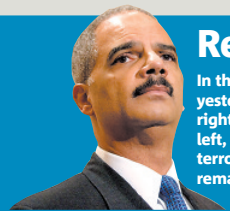

Revision of Miranda for terror suspects?

In the wake of the Times Square bombing plot, the Obama administration said yesterday it wants to work with U.S. Congress on possible limitations of the constitutional rights afforded terrorism suspects — even for American citizens. Attorney General Eric Holder, left, said changes may be needed to allow law enforcement more time to question suspected terrorists before they are told about their Miranda rights to a lawyer and to remain silent under interrogation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece **Masked protest**

PETROS KARADJIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Masked members of international group World Without Wars and Without Violence stand outside Greek Parliament yesterday. The group staged a silence protest against both the economic austerity measures and the three victims of violence that died Wednesday after rioters set fire to a bank branch.

Canada, U.S. take steps to alleviate crisis

DEBT CRISIS Canada and the United States are taking measures to help stop the spread of the debt crisis in Europe. Central banks from Canada, the U.S., England, Europe and Switzerland issued a joint statement saying they are re-igniting a currency swap system that they had set up during the financial crisis of 2008 and 2009 to keep money markets and currencies flowing freely.

The swap facilities are a backstop.

They are set up to make sure that there are enough U.S. dollars in all participating countries, at a time when demand for the greenback is soaring because of market instability in Europe.

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BP to try containment again

GULF OF MEXICO Crews planned yesterday to offload equipment that could be used in a new attempt to stem the flow of oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico after BP's first attempt to use a giant containment box to divert the crude was foiled by ice.

There was a renewed sense of urgency as thick blobs of tar washed up on Alabama's white sand beaches, yet another sign the spill was spreading.

It could be at least a day before BP can make another attempt at putting a lid on a well spewing thousands of gallons of crude into the Gulf each day. Waves of sludge crashed into a boat in the area above the leak. The fumes there were so intense that a crewmember on board had to wear respirators while outside.

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Russia **Attacks upstage holiday**

PAVEL GOLOVKIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People watch fireworks in Moscow's Red Square yesterday to mark Victory Day, commemorating the 1945 defeat of Nazi Germany. A bomb exploded near a Russian military base, killing two people, and a soldier was killed in a separate blast in Moscow where a military parade bombing exactly eight years ago killed scores.

Mine tragedy in Russia

Rescuers scrambling to free trapped workers

Rescue workers scrambled to save 83 people trapped in Russia's largest underground coal mine after two explosions killed at least 12 people and injured dozens more, officials said. Among those still trapped were rescue workers who had entered the Siberian mine after the first blast.

"It's clear the situation is difficult. We could even say very difficult, tragic."
Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

A high level of methane gas after yesterday's second, more powerful blast raised fears of further explosions and prevented more rescuers from going into the mine for the rest of the day.

Only today was the first rescue team sent down to try to bring out five miners whose location had been established, said Valery Korchagin, a spokesman for the Emergency Ministry. It was not clear, however, whether the miners were still alive, he said.

The second explosion destroyed the main air shaft and all of the mine's above-ground structures, the governor of the Siberian region of Kemerovo told Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a meeting with emergency officials, according to a government transcript.

By late yesterday, it was still too dangerous to enter the mine because of high levels of methane gas, said Emergency Minister Sergei Shoigu, who flew to the scene from Moscow to take charge of the operation. "Now we have to do everything possible to avoid a third explosion," the state news agency RIA Novosti quoted him as telling miners' families.

The first blast, believed to have been caused by methane, hit the Raspadskaya mine just before midnight Saturday and the second about three hours later. There were 359 workers below ground at the time of the first explosion, the Emergency Ministry said. A total of 58 people were injured.

"It's clear the situation is difficult," Putin said "We could even say very difficult, tragic. Dozens of people remain in the mine. ... Their fate is unknown. And the saddest thing is that additional rescuers cannot be sent into the mine right away."

He ordered emergency workers to use all means available to ventilate the mine as quickly as possible.

The mine is 500 metres deep and has 370 kilometres of underground tunnels, said Aman Tuleyev, the Kemerovo governor.

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U.S. AG: Pakistani Taliban 'intimately involved' with Times Square plot

WASHINGTON Saying they obtained new evidence, senior White House officials said yesterday that the Pakistani Taliban were behind the failed Times Square car bombing.

The attempt marks the first time the group has been able to launch an attack on U.S. soil. And while U.S. officials have downplayed the threat — citing the bomb's lack of sophistication — the incident in Times Square and the Christmas Day airline bomb attempt indicate growing strength by overseas terrorist groups linked to al-Qaida even as the CIA says their operations are seriously degraded. The finding also raises new questions about the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, which is widely known to have al-Qaida and other terrorist groups operating within its borders.

"We know that they helped facilitate it; we know that they helped direct it," said Attorney General Eric Holder. "And I suspect that we are going to come up with evidence which shows that they helped to finance it. They were intimately involved in this plot."

John Brennan, the president's homeland security and counterterrorism adviser, made similar remarks, linking the bomber to the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan.

Faisal Shahzad, a U.S. citizen, is believed to have spent five months in Pakistan before returning to the United States in February and preparing his attack.

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Europe's debt crisis may deepen after Angela Merkel suffers a stinging political defeat.

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News in brief

U.K. The two parties that could form Britain's next government held hours of closed-door talks yesterday without reaching a power-sharing deal, and there are fears that the political uncertainty could stoke market jitters when trading reopens today. Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have a "mountain to climb" on issues including electoral reform, a senior member of the Liberal Democrats said. The divide could offer an opening for Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour Party to stay in power through a coalition with the Liberal Democrats and some smaller parties. Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg wasn't involved in talks with Conservatives yesterday, but he met with Brown that afternoon and had what a spokesman said was an "amicable discussion."

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Comment

Hollow celebrations

You can imagine my surprise after reading a news release Friday that stated the city would be acknowledging a $270-million boost for Calgary Transit infrastructure, only to find out the money was already announced last year.

Indeed, MP Jim Prentice, MLA Jonathan Denis, and Mayor Dave Bronconnier buried a time capsule in a groundbreaking ceremony at the new City Hall LRT station Friday. Similarly, on May 19, 2009, Bronconnier, MLA Alison Redford, and Prentice held a news conference at the Stampede LRT to announce the funding.

There have also been announcements in between for various projects from the same pot of money, such as the southeast BRT.

Confused over why this money has been celebrated so many times, I called Alyson Robb, communications special assistant to Prentice, and Marc Henry, chief of staff to Bronconnier. Both told me this latest ceremony was to indicate, in Robb's words, "construction is underway," and "everything is moving forward and due to be complete on time." Henry also said it's about "showing where the money's going."

"I'm all for celebrating transit investment, but it gets a little confusing to have the same numbers celebrated repeatedly."

Fair enough — construction just began on two gateway LRT stations on 7th Avenue. So I guess when those stations are complete we'll probably need some more pomp and circumstance mentioning the $270 million again. Fourteen suburban LRT stations will be lengthened to accommodate four-car trains as part of this funding, meaning it's likely that we'll be seeing a lot of Prentice.

Don't get me wrong — I'm all for celebrating transit investment, but it gets a little confusing to have the same numbers celebrated repeatedly. It does help politicians get as much mileage out of every penny though — a cheque-delivering ceremony here, a groundbreaking ceremony there, perhaps a progress ceremony and, of course, cutting some ribbon to inaugurate the completed project.

I wonder how many other people get confused and assume each mention of money equates to a new injection of cash?

Sometimes we get the funding announcement but no accompanying funds.

Case in point: The Green Transit Incentives Program (Green TRIP). The $2-billion program (part of the province's highly touted climate change action plan), aimed to promote the use of local, regional and intercity public transit, was first announced in July 2008, then again in February 2009 and most recently this past February. No funding has ever been distributed though.

I think politicians should spend more time addressing transportation issues and less time milking photo ops.

Adrienne Beattie is a Calgary-born writer who has covered urban issues since 2001 and has an English degree from the University of Calgary.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Noteworthy

Climate change deal at a dead end: Minister

The chance of a climate change agreement this year is remote because the United States and China are unwilling to make more commitments during the talks, India's environment minister said yesterday.

The last UN conference on climate change in Copenhagen last December was seen as deeply disappointing as a deep rift showed between industrialized nations and developing countries.

The next major UN climate conference is in Cancun, Mexico, in December.

"The prospect of a breakthrough in 2010 is very, very remote," Jairam Ramesh told reporters in Beijing after finishing talks with his Chinese counterpart.

India is the world's fifth largest emitter of greenhouse gases and one of the largest players in securing any deal.

"We've reached virtually a dead end" with neither the United States nor China — the world's top two emitters of heat-trapping greenhouse gases — unwilling to make any firm commitments, Ramesh said.

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Worth mentioning

Canada, Quebec rift remains: Duceppe

Two decades after the death of the Meech Lake accord, Quebec sovereigntists say a deep rift remains between the province and the rest of Canada.

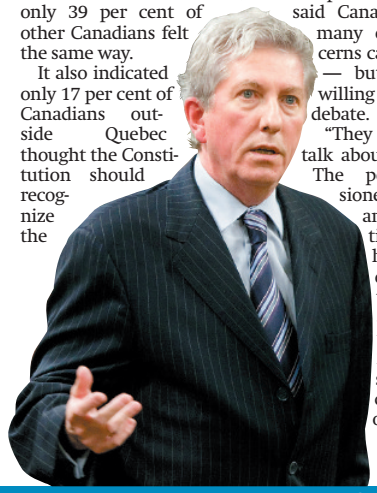
The possibility of reforms to Canadian federalism is simply an illusion for Quebecers, Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe told a party meeting Saturday.

"Canadians have moved on to other things," he said. "They build their country as they see fit, that's all. They're no longer open to satisfying the ambitions of Quebecers. Federalism is a dead end for Quebec."

He said a recent poll published by a sovereigntist organization only served to confirm what he witnessed during his cross Canada trip last month — that very few people outside Quebec are willing to re-open the constitutional debate.

The poll suggested that while 82 per cent of Quebecers favoured a new round of constitutional talks designed to get Quebec's signature on the Constitution, only 39 per cent of other Canadians felt the same way.

It also indicated only 17 per cent of Canadians outside Quebec thought the Constitution should recognize the province as a nation. Some 73 per cent of Quebecers polled agreed with the statement.



Gilles Duceppe

Pierre Drouilly, who helped author the poll, said Canadians believe many of these concerns can be resolved — but they aren't willing to re-open the debate.

"They don't want to talk about it," he said.

The poll, commissioned by the Bloc and a sovereigntist association, has a margin of error of three percentage points, 19 times out of 20. One-thousand Quebecers and 1,000 other Canadians were surveyed.

Duceppe said talk of the Constitution "often solicited a shrug of the shoulders" when he mentioned it during his recent Canadian tour.

His words were echoed by Philip Resnick, a University of British Columbia professor who participated in Saturday's meeting.

He said Canadians have swept constitutional talks under the rug, even while it remains a bone of contention with some Quebecers.

This year marks a number of significant anniversaries for the sovereignty movement, from the Meech Lake anniversary and the subsequent election of Duceppe, to the 30th anniversary of the 1980 sovereignty referendum and the 15th of the failed 1995 referendum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quote of the Day

"When I first heard about the campaign to get me to host Saturday Night Live, I didn't know what Facebook was. Now that I DO know what it is, I have to say: It seems like a huge waste of time."

— BETTY WHITE, WHOSE SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE GIG RESULTED FROM A HALF-A-MILLION-STRONG GROUNDSWELL ON FACEBOOK AFTER HER HILARIOUS SNICKERS COMMERCIAL DURING THE SUPER BOWL, TOOK PAINS TO THANK FACEBOOK DURING HER OPENING MONOLOGUE. HER WAY.

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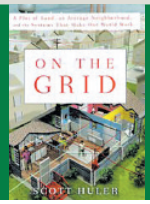

Welcome to the grid

In On the Grid, Scott Huler tries to understand the systems that sustain our way of life, starting from his own quarter of an acre in North Carolina and travelling as far as Ancient Rome. Each chapter follows one element of infrastructure to its source — or to its outlet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The real scoop on Ben & Jerry's

Ice-cream icons add fair trade to flavours

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

When in 1978, two friends took a $5 correspondence course on ice cream making and opened a shop in a gas station in Burlington, Vt., nobody would have predicted the scale or scope of their success.

Although sold to multinational Unilever in 2000, for the past 30 years, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, have been everything from peace activists, to rainforest conservationists and political messengers.

As they announce the 100 per cent transition to fair trade by 2013, Metro speaks to the flavoursome duo about chocolate brownies, sustainable farming and makeshift solar panels.

Ben Cohen, left, and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's ice-cream have addressed climate and political issues through their popular desserts.

Q Why the move to fair trade?

A BEN: We want to be able to help the people that find themselves at the bottom of the totem pole, integrating social and economic concerns into our product.

The move further reinforces the fact that our company is values-led and not market-driven. Most companies will simply assess what it is that consumers want and the levels of demand and then look no further beyond filling those needs. What Ben and Jerry aims to do (is) to be ahead of the game in such a way that we are not led by demand, but by our internal values, principles and beliefs, such as supporting fair trade.

Q Where will the ingredients be sourced from mainly?

A JERRY: Ingredients are being sourced from all around the world. Of the top of my head I can say that our bananas come from Ecuador, vanilla from India, cocoa from Ivory Coast and the Dominican Republic and walnuts and almonds from Pakistan.

Q What does becoming 100 per cent fair-trade represent on a bigger scale?

A BEN: In the U.S., the shift to sourcing the entirety of our ingredients from fair-trade sources is breaking ground although in Europe, we are simple following the trend (in the U.K., recognition of fair-trade products is approximately 80 per cent, in the U.S., less than 30 per cent).

Q Ben & Jerry's is famous for using the product as a manner of addressing sensitive issues such as climate change, gay rights, politics and global warming. How did this need to make a point come about?

A BEN: Ice cream is such a sweet and innocent communication tool through which we can tackle tough issues. Business can be at the root of many social problems, something Jerry and I have never wanted to be part of. I guess we never realized we were pioneers seeing how clueless we were, but we did know that we wanted to find a way for our business to serve the needs of society, especially for those economically oppressed.

JERRY: In the '80s we had the "peace pop," chocolate on a stick, aimed at redirecting money from the military budget into peace activities ... we had the "American Pie," that was about the federal budget pie and how too much of taxpayers money was being spent on defence by the Pentagon ... we renamed the flavour chubby hubby to "hubby hubby" to make a statement on the issue of gay marriage and we also had the "Rainforest crunch" that indirectly went towards rainforest preservation.

Just desserts

- **EGGS:** The hens that lay the eggs used to make Ben & Jerry's ice cream have been given access to clean water, wholesome food and adequate wing space and live on Certified Humane cage-free farms.
- **DAIRY:** Dairy milk and cream make up more than a half pint of Ben & Jerry's. Dairy is sourced from U.S.-based family farms that do not treat their cows with artificial growth hormones.
- **VANILLA:** Vanilla pods are grown by some 1,200 small-scale farmers in western Uganda. Thanks to the fair-trade premium, communities have been able to improve basic needs such as health care, education and housing.
- **NUTS:** Macadamia nuts come from Malawi where they are grown using sustainable farming techniques.
- **COCOA:** Although the Ivory Coast supplies nearly 40 per cent of the world's cocoa, only a small percentage of this is fair trade. The higher price farmers receive from selling fair-trade cocoa powder has allowed them to invest in health care, women's empowerment, micro credit programs, education and environmental conservation.

'We ask too much of Mother Earth'

ALBERTO FERRIGOLO
Metro World News

Carlo Petrini, founder of the slow food movement, recently published his book, How Food Can Eat Us. Metro caught up with him for a discussion about food and environment.

Q There are many paradoxes, and among them one that says our food attitude is destroying our planet. Why?

A It's clear. Food production is the main cause of our ecosystem destruction and of our environment situation. We are at a point where we can't ask more of our planet in matter of resources production.

Q But when people think about pollution and green matters, they mainly think about global warming, oil, gas, cars and garbage.

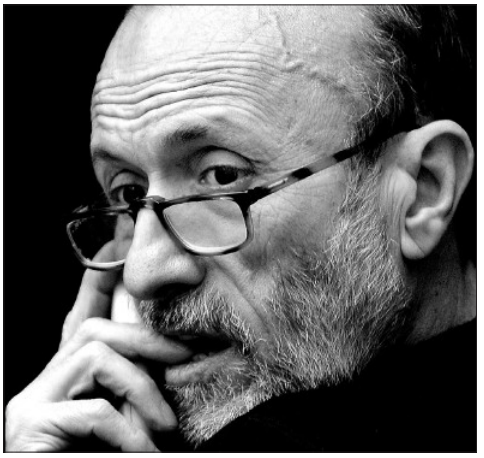
A Those are some of the problems, not all the problems. We ask too much of Mother Earth, and we have to face the tragedy that half of the food we produce goes directly into the garbage.

Q A half, isn't it too much?

A We produce for 12 billion people, we are seven billion and one billion don't have access to our resources. It's more than an evidence that this is something absurd. We have two options: we could understand that this model is sick and we find the way to respect the nature rhythm and real possibility, or we could go on like we did in tha last 30 years. The second option will bring us to the end of the resources.

Q Being concrete, what can we do?

A We need to start with a new education, but politicians have to make their part taking strong decisions. Again, we know that one billion people don't have access to food, and our answer is to produce and waste more. A change is needed. Otherwise we will be the next to be without food.



Carlo Petrini is the author of How Food Can Eat Us.

Retired worker files suit on GM

An Ontario man is launching a lawsuit against General Motors of Canada on behalf of himself and 3,500 other retired employees for rolling back their benefits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business

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Job growth up in April

Jobs opened up across Canada in April, with the biggest monthly gain since 2002 as employment jumped by 109,000.

The gain continues a strong trend, but with one difference: Since July 2009, most new jobs have been full-time. But in April, nearly 60 per cent of the new jobs were part-time.

"A veritable jobs gusher," enthused Stewart Hall, economist with HSBC Securities (Canada).

But he tempered his view by noting that the jobs are mostly in the service sector.

Jumps

- Ontario recorded the biggest jump in employment, at 41,000. But the unemployment rate remained stuck at 8.8 per cent in the province, as more people entered the workforce.

"In that the goods sector led the economy down the path to recession, it is a little disappointing that the goods sector failed to really participate in the jobs recovery," he noted.

Because more Canadians went looking for work in April, the national unemployment rate dropped only one-tenth of a point to 8.1 per cent.

Erin Weir, economist with the United Steelworkers, cautioned that the big jump in the overall number masks the fact that many of the new jobs are relatively low-paying.

In 2009, Canada's average hourly wage was $20.44, he noted. The new jobs are mostly in service industries that pay in the $14 to $19 range. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New wireless carrier given conditional approval

MOBILE New wireless carrier Mobilicity has been given the green light to start operations this spring, with the CRTC requiring a few minor changes to its ownership and control structure.

Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises (DAVE) Holdings, the company that controls Mobilicity, must change the veto rights of its two biggest shareholders, Toronto company Obelysk and New York-based Quadrangle Capital Partners.

DAVE had proposed that the partners would each have the right to veto any expenditure over $10 million.

The regulator found the $10 million figure to be less than five per cent of the enterprise value of the company, and has instructed DAVE to adjust the veto's monetary threshold accordingly in order to be consistent with similar decisions on other new wireless companies Globalive (Wind) and Pu. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Markets fall amid Greek debt fear

MONEY North American stock markets extended their sell-off Friday, despite encouraging employment numbers in both Canada and the United States.

Fears of a widening sovereign debt crisis in Europe overshadowed the positive economic news where job growth came in far above expectations.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he has discussed with several Canadian bank CEOs their exposure to the European debt crisis and told journalists he understands it to be "small and contained."

He said he has been in close contact with other G7 finance ministers to discuss the risk of possible contagion from Greece. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sports

Pitcher perfect

Dallas Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in major league history, leading the Oakland Athletics to a 4-0 victory over Tampa Bay yesterday. It's the second time in less than a year the Rays have been victims of a perfect game. Mark Buehrle did it to them last July 23rd with the Chicago White Sox. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Injury sidelines Woods

GOLF Tiger Woods withdrew from the Players Championship yesterday with an injury that he fears might be a bulging disc in his upper back.

"I've been playing with a bad neck for about a month," Woods said.

After hitting his drive well to the right on the seventh hole, Woods called for an official.

He hit his second shot and grimaced, then walked to the middle of the fairway to shake hands with playing partner Jason Bohn before leaving on a golf cart.

Woods had his head bowed for several minutes as he sat in front of his locker, and other times kept his eyes closed as if he were in the middle of a nap before answering questions from three reporters. At one point, he slammed his golf shoe to the ground.

"I've been playing through it," Woods said quietly. "I can't play through it anymore."

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Canucks stay alive

(Chicago leads series 3-2)

Canucks 4 Blackhawks 1

Kevin Bieksa scored two goals, Roberto Luongo made 29 saves yesterday night and the Vancouver Canucks beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-1 to stay alive in the Western Conference semifinals.

Chicago leads the series 3-2 and now it heads back to Vancouver — where the Blackhawks captured Games 3-4 — for Game 6 tomorrow night.

Vancouver, which gave up four power-play goals in a 7-4 loss in Game 4 on Friday night, played a more disciplined game based on speed. And the Canucks got the kind of performance they needed from Olympic gold medallist Luongo following three straight losses to the Blackhawks.

Christian Ehrhoff opened the scoring for the Canucks, just 59 seconds into the game, quickly quieting the crowd at the United Center who had hoped to see the Blackhawks make the conference finals for a second straight season.

The series winner will face San Jose.

Chicago finally scored with just more than seven minutes left when Jonathan Toews tipped in a long shot from between the circles by Duncan Keith. Alex Burrows added an empty-netter for the Canucks with 44.6 seconds left.

Ehrhoff's long slapshot from the right point just inside the blue-line eluded a screened Antti Niemi to give the Canucks the early lead.

Luongo then stopped a shot by Toews from close-in at the left circle and also denied Patrick Sharp with Tomas Kopecky trying to screen the goalie.

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Members of the Vancouver Canucks celebrate a second-period goal against the Chicago Blackhawks last night in Chicago.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Chelsea regained the Premier League title from Manchester United with a 8-0 victory over Wigan yesterday with Didier Drogba scoring three times. Even though United finished the campaign with a 4-0 victory over Stoke at Old Trafford, the big celebrations were at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea took the championship by one point.

HOCKEY Alexander Ovechkin scored the deciding goal yesterday to give two-time defending champion Russia a 3-1 victory over Slovakia at the ice hockey world championship. Play continues today as Canada takes on Latvia.

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Workology

Taiwan may allow Chinese students

Students from mainland China will soon be able to study at universities in Taiwan after Taiwanese lawmakers agreed over the weekend on compromises on the issue. The Democratic Progressive Party agreed to drop its opposition as long as the education ministry accepted extensive amendments that would, among other things, prevent Chinese citizens from working in Taiwan following graduation.
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James Beagle has always loved dogs. His grandparents had two border collies and his own family had a boxer.

Early on, Beagle, who's now 50, learned that these creatures make a mess. His job was to scoop up the poop from the backyard. He didn't mind.

But he did mind being bored. So when the Toronto-born Beagle first went to university and found the courses too similar to those in high school, he dropped out after a year and worked in security.

And met up with dogs again. During a training session, his new bosses suited him up in protective gear and put him in a cage with vicious dogs. He learned that they'd run if he ran away, but would back off if he advanced on the dogs. (The skill came in handy many years later.)

Beagle began working in the hotel and restaurant industry, where he learned a lot about working with people.

But he longed to work outside, and work for himself. He came up with the idea of scooping dog poop out of backyards as a business. He asked his friends and family if they thought it was a good idea. "Nobody would ever pay for that," they said.

Undeterred, he got friends to ask around and soon found a few busy families who had no time for their dog poo.

Beagle went to work in 1985, scooping in yards in the daytime and working in restaurant and hotels at night. After raising his rates (it used to be as low as $6 a week) and getting some media coverage, five years into his business Beagle was able to quit his other job and focus entirely on Super Scoopers.

He works five days a week, and begins his day by checking his email and dealing with bills and scheduling. He then heads out in his truck with his bichon frise Boo Boo. Beagle goes directly into a client's backyard and uses gloves, a scoop, a paint scraper and a bucket for the job.

Beagle stores the dog waste in the back of his truck and then in freezers in his garage. He disposes of it every few days at a waste disposal station or sewage treatment plant.

He can clear a yard he's familiar with in as little as five minutes.

"I already know where the hot spots are." Boo Boo sometimes helps find the hidden gems.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Paws, Claws and Jobs

The Lowdown

Job title: Dog poop scooper
Salary: The company nets about $100,000 a year
Best Part of the Job: "The fresh air. Being able to do what I want to do, when I want to do it."
Worst Part of the Job: "Chasing the money if people choose not to pay."

The human obsession with being fascinating

BookReview

Fascinate

Author: Sally Hogshead
Publisher: Harper Business
Price: $32.50

In the time of the Salem Witch Trials fascination was considered a spell of witchcraft, an act punishable by death.

According to author, Sally Hogshead, the reason we make decisions to buy brands, take a new job or get a breast enlargement is largely to do with our fascination with these things and that by engaging these items or ideas we as humans become more fascinating to those around us. At least that is the hope.

I was fortunate to see Hogshead speak in Toronto where she discussed the seven triggers of fascination and in between slides gave out free shots of Jagermeister to help make a point that she discusses in her book.

Her point with the Jagermeister being that it is because of the mystique that 'Jager' "has become the most popular product, nobody likes." The other triggers include lust, alarm, prestige, power, vice and trust. The more of these you can pack into one idea, person or product, the higher your chances at creating something fascinating.

Hogshead's book based on significant research by Kelton Research, a public opinion company, and discusses two top line findings. First that people will pay a great deal of money if you can help them become fascinating (spending an average of $288 per month). Second, that people will pay a great deal of money if you can help them feel fascinated.

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Real Housewives' Frankel gives birth

Bethenny Frankel of the Real Housewives of New York City has given birth to a baby girl a month earlier than expected. The author and reality star, who married Jason Hoppy in March, went into labor on Friday. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Final goodbye

Friends and family said final goodbyes to Georgy Girl star Lynn Redgrave on Saturday and laid the 67-year-old actress to rest near her mother amid the rolling hills of upstate New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nostalgic remakes

Hollywood taps into audience's comfortable familiarity

The Karate Kid remake starring Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan hits theatres in June.

A remake of 1984's popular horror flick A Nightmare on Elm Street was released in theatres last month.

It's hardly a mystery why Hollywood studios keep putting out remakes and sequels — they make money. But why do we as an audience eat it up so readily?

"If the cake tasted good the first time, why not eat it again?" Professor of film studies Christopher Sharrett of Seton Hall University asks.

Hollywood, Sharrett says, is basically owned by six different corporations and as a result, "they treat cinema as one more commodity and they look to see what's been paying off lately and might lend itself to 3-D remakes."

What's been paying off seems almost exclusively to be stories that are already ingrained in popular culture.

"In the '90s they made a Beverly Hillbillies movie and a Coneheads movie and those were from late '60s early '70s television," says Dave White, movie critic at movies.com. "As you find what people are nostalgic for, what people reference, somebody at a studio says 'hmmm.'"

That comfortable familiarity guarantees a stress-free movie-going experience — perfect when everyone is in the summer vacation mindset. Since we want to see everything we've seen before, it's no surprise that pop culture of the '80s has played a major role in this summer's blockbuster offerings — like The Karate Kid remake.

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"I think what's interesting about the '80s is you had a lot of iconic characters who were born then, like Indiana Jones and Freddy Krueger, and I don't think movies in recent years have had that," says Kirthana Ramisetti, managing editor of predicto.com. "It's just easier than trying to come up with a new monster for them to just take Freddy Krueger and use some CGI."

This doesn't mean filmmakers have it easy. "I'll have to admit that when I was approached to do this, I was terrified," says Samuel Bayer, the director of the new version of Nightmare on Elm Street, now in theatres. "But I wanted this to be a serious, straight up horror film. The fact that we have an Oscar-nominated actor as Freddy should signal just how serious we are."

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Extradition not accurate: Attorneys

LEGAL Roman Polanski's attorneys argued in court filings Friday that the Swiss government should not automatically assume an extradition request by Los Angeles prosecutors is accurate.

The statement is in response to a comment by a Swiss justice official, who told The Associated Press last month that officials there assume facts in an extradition request are correct. The official said the justice ministry was not interested in the transcripts of testimony offered in secret earlier this year by the former prosecutor who handled Polanski's case.

Polanski's attorneys contend the transcripts will show the extradition papers contain information prosecutors know is "false and materially incomplete."

The filing also argues that prosecutors want the Swiss to only consider what's included in official court records and ignore other evidence that proves misconduct in the case.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons says the office won't comment, but will argue their position during a hearing Monday.

The office has opposed the transcripts' release, stating in a filing Thursday that they should only become public once Polanski is returned to Los Angeles.

They say the Oscar-winning director's request should be rejected because he remains a fugitive.

Prosecutors want Polanski returned for sentencing on a 33-year-old unlawful sexual intercourse charge.

He pleaded guilty to having sex with a 13-year-old girl and fled in 1978 on the eve of sentencing after a judge said in private remarks that he intended to renege on a sentencing agreement.

Polanski

The Chinatown and Rosemary's Baby director remains on house arrest at his chalet in the Swiss resort of Gstaad.

Swiss authorities have not said when they will rule on the extradition filing.

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A flood of relief to U.S.

Country stars, including Taylor Swift, are leading the flood relief efforts in Nashville, Tenn., Starmagazine.com reported.

Taylor donated $500,000 US during a call into a star-studded telethon Thursday on local station WSMV. The telethon, hosted by Vince Gill, raised over $1.7 million.

The clean-up effort is expected to cost more than $1 billion.

"It was the craziest thing that I've ever seen," Taylor said on the telethon.

"I was at my house in Hendersonville, we were staring out the window, thinking it didn't seem like rain. It just seemed like something in a movie. It was really emotional for me because those are the streets I learned to drive on.

"People's houses are just ruined. It was so heartbreaking to see that in my town, the place that I call home, and the place that I feel most safe. I just send my love to my friends and neighbours who got hit harder than I did."

Country singers, many of whom live in Nashville, have also been part of the relief efforts. Keith Urban said seeing the Grand Ole Opry House under water was "chilling."

Another telethon is planned for May 16 with Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, and Lady Antebellum, among other guests. Tim McGraw and Faith Hill are also organizing a benefit to be held next month.

Meanwhile, Jack White and his staff at Third Man Records are also lending a hand to Nashville's flood victims.

White told The Associated Press that profits from Saturday's sales at his downtown record store will go to flood relief.

At least 31 people were killed in three states, including 20 in Tennessee, when storms dropped record amounts of rain.

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Hollywood.com:

1. **IRON MAN 2:** $133.6 million US
2. **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET:** $9.1 million
3. **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON:** $6.7 million
4. **DATE NIGHT:** $5.3 million
5. **THE BACK-UP PLAN:** $4.3 million

Date Night star Steve Carell

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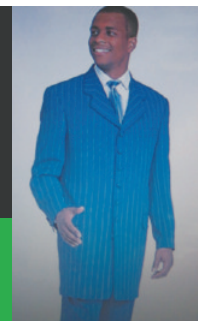

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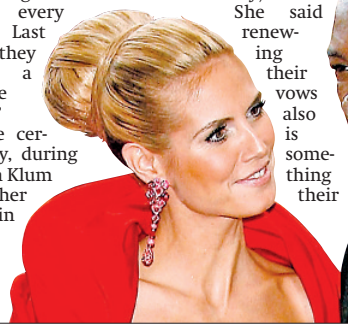
Celebrity Buzz

Resealing the deal

LOVE IS IN THE AIR To mark their fifth wedding anniversary, Heidi Klum and Seal renewed their vows in front of their children and close family members Saturday at sunset in Costa Careyes, Mexico, Usmagazine.com reported.

"The theme this year was brides and grooms," a source tell UsMagazine.com. "All the guests wore black and white and dressed themselves like brides and grooms. The minister was available to do vow renewals for anyone else who wanted them."

Klum, 36, and Seal, 47, have made a tradition of renewing their vows every year. Last year, they had a "white trash" theme ceremony, during which Klum wore her hair in cornrows and Seal sported a mullet (the officiant was even dressed as Elvis Presley).



She said renewing their vows also is something their kids, Leni, 6, Henry, 4, Johan, 3, and seven-month-old Lou, "have gotten accustomed to. It's like, 'Hey, Mom and Dad love each other and they get married every year!'"

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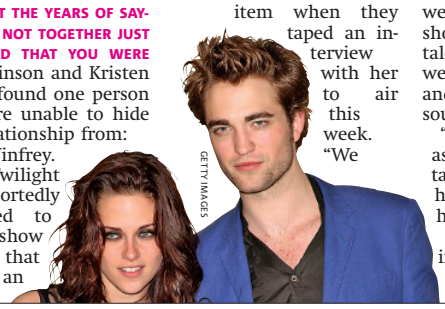
Oprah gets the goods

SORRY BUT THE YEARS OF SAYING YOUR NOT TOGETHER JUST CONFIRMED THAT YOU WERE Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart found one person they were unable to hide their relationship from: Oprah Winfrey.

The Twilight stars reportedly confirmed to the talk-show host that they're an item when they taped an interview with her to air this week. "We were all briefed before the show how to handle the talent. Part of what we were told was that Rob and Kristen are dating," a source tells E! News.

"Obviously Oprah had to ask something during the taping, but agreed beforehand she wouldn't be too hard on them if they told her what was really going on."



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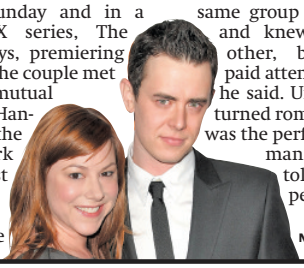
Hanks Junior marries longtime friend

THEY SEEM QUITE SWEET TOGETHER, NO? Actor Colin Hanks tied the knot with publicist Samantha Bryant Saturday in Los Angeles, his rep confirms to People.

Hanks is the son of Tom Hanks and the late Samantha Lewes, who died in 2002. Engaged since last June, Hanks, 32, is currently starring in the indie film Barry Munday and in a new FOX series, The Good Guys, premiering May 19. The couple met through mutual friends, Hanks told the New York Times last year.

"We had the same group of friends and knew of each other, but never paid attention to it," he said. Until things turned romantic. "He was the perfect gentleman," Bryant told the paper.



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Today, **ELIZABETH BANKS** is keeping her eyes on the ground, **JUSTIN BIEBER** admits he's claustrophobic, **ASHTON KUTCHER** has big plans for today, and **JENNY MCCARTHY** forgot to introduce herself to a new friend in Las Vegas.

@ElizabethBanks Hiking: had to pause for a snake crossing, spent rest of hike nervously scanning brush for ankle biters. That's other snakes, not midgets.

@justinbieber i get a little freaked in the middle of big crowds. i hate elevators

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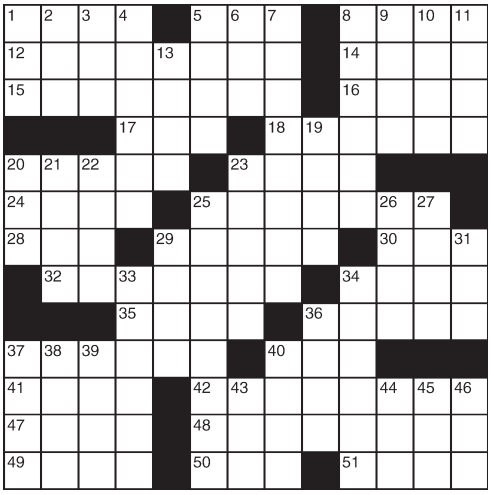

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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16 Cabbie's payment
17 Census statistic
18 Barnum's partner
20 Accumulate
23 Calf's papa
24 Barn-roof accessory
25 Meddler who ruins a plan
28 Id counterpart
29 Human trunk
30 Steal from
32 Rorschach design
34Hardy cabbage
35Slippery — eel
36 Count up
37 Eats soup loudly
40 In favor of
41 Albacore, e.g.
42 Monty Python musical
47 Way out
48 And so forth
49 Apportion (out)
50 Perched
51 Caught sight of

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2 "Eureka!"
3 Container for 41-Across
4 Put in a box
5 TV marine Gomer
6 Aussie hopper, for short
7 Eruption
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9 Elliptical
10 Unembellished
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13 Small barrels
19 Dog food brand
20 Rd.
21 Creche trio
22 Soon, in poetry
23 Low-ranking nobleman
25 Blackstrap, for example
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29 Recipe meas.
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33 Chopping spree?
34 Pure gold = 24 —
36 Heavy reading?
37 Rose holder
38 Sumptuousness
39 One
40 Datum
43 Sch. grp.
44 Shelter
45 Raw rock
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Heartland Meatloaf

INGREDIENTS:

2 large onions, chopped
2 large celery ribs, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 lbs lean ground beef
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 egg white
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
2 cups chopped canned tomatoes in purée
1/4 cup ketchup

METHOD:

1 Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat 13 x 9-inch baking dish and large non-stick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Set skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onions, celery, green pepper and garlic until soft, about 5 minutes. Transfer vegetables to large bowl.

2 Add beef, bread crumbs, egg white, salt and pepper to vegetables in bowl and mix with hands. Combine tomatoes and ketchup in small bowl, add half to meatloaf mixture and mix again.

3 Transfer meatloaf mixture to baking dish and shape into 10 x 7-inch loaf, mounding slightly in centre. Make lengthwise groove down centre with side of hand. Pour remaining tomato mixture into groove. Bake meat loaf until instant-read thermometer inserted in centre reaches 165°F (74°C), about 1 hour 15 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

SERVES 8

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you lose your temper today you will go all the way and give some unfortunate soul your very personal equivalent of Hell.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will either do something spectacular or something really stupid today. It's simply impossible to predict which way you will jump.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Why are you so defensive? What makes you think the world is ganging up on you? Whatever the reason try not to overreact. Only you will suffer.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Moderation is essential today, especially when dealing with people who don't take kindly to being told what to do. Not everyone shares your vision.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you are going to be forceful, if you are going to get tough, then it might as well be today. You'll do whatever it takes to get your way — and then some.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Try not to be too pushy today. You could easily go over the top. If people seem to be avoiding you it could be because they are scared of you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Libra, indecisive? Never! Once you make up your mind about something you go all the way and you'll go all the way and then a bit further today.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone with an extremely strong personality — someone very much like you in fact — will have a major effect on your life today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today's aspects urge you to be ruthless, to cut out everything that does not need to be done immediately, especially on the work front.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Anyone who stands in your way is asking for trouble. You are the boss and anyone who does not accept that is going to regret it. Be assertive, but be fair as well.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Once you start arguing with a partner or loved one you may find it hard to stop today, so don't start in the first place. Bite your lip.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The problem you are confronted with today might look difficult but once you start to deal with it you will find it is not so bad after all.

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